amount that has been spent has been given in the Annexure to my reply. The performance of the panchayati institutions will be improved when we give money directly to the panchayats. Panchayats will be implementing the programme effectively because there will be no delay regarding the payment of money. Misuse of money will also be reduced because the involvement of the people will be there at the grass root level.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the then Minister of Human Resource Development and also the then Minister of health had stated on the floor of the House that the first charge on NREP and RLEGP would be on construction of schools, operation blackboard and construction of PHCs. I would like to know whether this assurance given by these Ministers on the floor of this House is built into the new Nehru Rozgar Yojna. If so, has the Government issued any instructions that these programmes will be given the fist charge ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : My answer to the question of the hon. Member. is, yes, preference is given to these programmes.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Has he given instructions ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : Guidelines have been framed and instructions have been issued. There will not be any difficulty. Mr. Lakshmanna.

Wage Board's report for Journalists and Non- Journalists

*172. SHRI KAPIL VERMA : †
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Wil the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Wage Board for working Journalists and Non-Journalists employees of newspapers and news agencies, had been given an extension for a month upto April 30, 1989 ;

(b) if so, whether the complete Report has been submitted;

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that work is completed quickly ; and

(d) whether a further extension is proposed to be given ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Boards regulate their own proceedures.

(d) The Wage Boards have asked for a final extension upto 31-5-89.

SHRI KAPIL VERMA : Sir, as is well known, various extensions have been given to the Wage Board. I would like to know whether the Government has given one more extension, that is, the eighth

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kapil Verma.

extension, up to 31st May. Have they assured that this will be the final extension? Part (b) of my question is, since the report is going to be very bad, will the Government use its power to improve it?

श्री राधा कृष्ण मालवीय : सर, उनकी रिक्वेस्ट पर, जैसा कि मैंने बताया, अभी 31-5-1989 तक उनकी अवधि बढ़ा दी गई है।

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : It is high time this report is given.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up of nitrogen fertiliser palnts at Paradip in the private sector

*161. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPARTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the establishment of a nitrogen fertilizer plant at Paradip in Orissa in the private sector;

(b) whether any proposal to that effect has recently been received by Government; and

(c) if so, by when the said plant is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) to (c) A proposal has been receied from M/s. Century Spinning & Manufacturing Company Ltd. for setting up a 900/1500 tpd ammonia/urea plant, based on naphtha as feedstock, at Paradeep. A decision thereon will be taken keeping in view all the relevant factors including demand-supply situation in the region, availability of feed-stock, infrastruclure etc. The time frame for its establishment will depend on the grant of a Letter of Intent and the financial resources of the entrepreneur.

Inclusion of Orissa for Production of Rice under the SFPP

*162. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of States selected for rice production under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme;

(b) whether Orissa is proposed to be included for rice production under the above programme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Thirteen States, Sir.

(b) and (c) Five districts of Orissa viz.; Balasore, Cuttack, Puri, Sambalpur and Ganjam have been included under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme—Rice.

Use of Modern Technnlogy in farming

*166. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has recently stressed the need to adopt modern techniques in farming to change the face of rural India ;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to get modern techniques of farming; and